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SUNDIALS.

THE garden clock of sunny climates is necessarily the companion of hours so beautiful that the mere name "Sundial" is dear to those who care for gardens, for phrases, for the sun, and for the South. The best gardens are those which other ages made and "kept up," and which our own age—an unthrifty heir—has allowed to grow somewhat wild with random grass, and somewhat dry with sun. We "enter into the labours"
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of our fathers; not into the perfection which they pre-
apared, but into its gentle and more beautiful ruin and
undoing. And we inherit something peculiarly theirs
in the ancient garden—their usually austere sundial
mottoes. A modern man enjoys the bee-visited, grass-
grown, and fragrant paths that no gardener trims,
though the man who made the paths would hardly
approve them so; a modern man reads the warnings of
a seventeenth-century sculptor, letting its lesson go by.

The sundial of my own childhood faced a blue sea,
across olive and oleander, and it bore an inscription
which, translated, threatened the generations: "Thou
seest the hour, but knowest not the hour"—"of thy
death," we supposed. In the twentieth century no man
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would engrave that thought above the terraces of such a heavenly garden. Other Italian palaces had, likewise, severe things written on their sunward faces, or on their garden dials. But, sombre or genial, the sundial motto, devised according to the appropriate art, has the beauty of brevity and fulness. No wonder if to the precision of Latin grammar has been generally assigned the safeguarding of the message of three or four words, long, slow, and complete with their burden of meaning.

There are tunes composed for bells, and as this brief music, so is this brief literature, restricted to the means and the opportunity, and full of vigour within those bonds. The phrase and the melody both have their home on the happy Ligurian coast. For though sundials
SUNDIALS.

number the few serene hours of Northern gardens, they are most useful in the South and the sun, and because of their use they take their place in the noble symbolic company standing by palace walls: the sundial for time, the cypress for death, wheat for life, and the vine for joy.

A. M.
TO EDWIN GREENE.
A BOOK OF SUNDIAL MOTTOES.
In compiling this Book of Mottoes, the translations in the majority of cases appear as given in the books consulted. These volumes, which represent a delightful branch of garden literature, range from John Wells’ "Sciographia, or the Art of Shadowes" (1635), to Mrs. Alice Morse Earle’s recently published "Sundials and Roses of Yesterday."

It will be seen that in many instances the English renderings of the inscriptions are free and often fanciful.

A.H.H.
SUNDAIL MOTTOES.

The following Sixty "Mottoes for Dials, with their meaning in English," are from a curious and rare old work, entitled "Mechanick Dialling: or, the New Art of Shadows: freed from the many Obscurities, Superfluities and Errors of Former Writers upon this Subject... To which are added a choice Collection of Mottos in Latin and English... By Charles Leadbetter. London, at the Black Swan, 1737."

ALIIS . INSERVIENDO . CONSUMOR.

(MY . LOSS . IS . YOUR . GAIN).
A BOOK OF

(I. Die. To-day. And. Live. To-morrow).

(You. Covet. To-morrow).

(I. Shine. Or. Shroud).

SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

Bulla. est. vita. humana.

(life's. a. bubble).

Consume. not. thy. time. in. idleness.

Deus. adest. laborantibus.

(heaven. favours. the. diligent).

Disce. dies. numerare. tuos.

(learn. to. value. your. time):
A BOOK OF

DISCE. BENE. VIVERE. &. MORI.

(SHINE. AND. SET).

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DIES. DIEM. TRUDIT.

(A. DAY. KICKS. ME. DOWN).

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DUM. SPECTAS. FUGIO.

(UNSIGHT. UNSEEN).

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EN. SUPRA. VITA. FUGAX.
EN. INFRA. CERTA. MORS.

(A. LIFE. ON. FLIGHT'S. SOON. OUT. OF. SIGHT).
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

Ex. hoc. momento. pendet. æternitas.

(now. or. never).

Festina. lente.

(mind. my. movements).

Fortuna. urbes. amplissimas. evertit.

(no. exemption. from. my. influence).

Fugio. fuge.

(be. gone. about. your. business.
I. stay. for. no. man).

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A BOOK OF

HINC. VIVERE. DISCE.
ILLINC. DISCE. MORI.

(rising. portends. setting).

HOMO. QUASI. UMBRA.

(man. is. a. shade. of. a. shadow).

HORA. FUGIT. RAPIDE. LETHUMQ;.
INVADIT. INERMES.

(the. hours. glide. swiftly. and. the. unguarded.
are. easily. surprized).

HORA. PARS. VITÆ.

(every. hour. shortens. life).
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

Ita. vita.
(such is life's half circle).

Labor. ipse. voluptas.
(my pain is your pleasure).

Lex. dei, lux. diei.
(the law of god is the broad day-light).

Let. your. light. so. shine. before. men. that. they. may. see. your. good. works.
A BOOK OF

LENTÉ. SUSCRIPTÉ. CITO. PERFICE.

(SETR. OUT. AT. LEISURE, PROCEED. WITH. HASTE).

MORA. TRAHIT. PERICULUM.

(DELAY. DRAGS. DANGER).

NEMO. SINE. CRIMINE. VIVIT.

(THE. BRIGHTEST. DAY. HAS. ITS. SHADES).

NIL. DAT. QUOD. NON. HABET.

(OUT. OF. NOTHING. COMES. NOTHING).
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

NON. SEMPER. ERUNT. SATURNALIA.
(TAKE. TIME: BY. THE. FORELOCK).

NON. NOBIS. NATI. SUMUS.
(WE. ARE. NOT. MADE. FOR. OURSELVES).

NON. SINE. LUMINE.
(WE. SHINE).

NOSCE. TEIPSUM.
(LOOK. INTO. THY. SELF).
A BOOK OF

NULLA. DIES. SINE. LINEA:

(EVERY. DAY. HAS. ITS. BOUNDS).


OMNEM. CREDE. DIEM. TIBI. DILUXISSE. SUPRENUM.

(BELIEVE. EVERY. DAY. TO. BE. THY. LAST).


OMNIA. FALCE. METIT. TEMPUS.

(THE. SCYTHE. OF. TIME. CARRIES. A. KEEN. EDGE).


PEREUNT. &. IMPUTANTUR.

(THE. HOURS. VANISH, YET. ARE. ON. RECORD).

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.


(light is the parent of peace).


(pleasure is the parent of pain; night treads upon the heels of day).

Qualis. Vita, Finis. Ita.

(praise a fair day at night).


(do not render evil for good).
A BOOK OF

Qua. redit. nescitis. horam.
(ye. know. not. the. hour).

Quid. celerius. tempore?
(what. is. swifter. than. time?)

Sic. vita.
(life’s. lot).

Sic. transit. gloria. mundi.
(so. marches. the. god. of. day).

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

SINE . LUMINE . INANE.
(DARKNESS . PRECEDES . DAY).

SIC . PRÆTERIT . ÆTAS.
(LIFE . IS . WINGED).

TEMPUS . AD . LUCEM . DUCIT . VERITATEM.
(TIME . BRINGS . TRUTH . TO . LIGHT).

TEMPUS . OBIT, . MORS . VENIT.
(TIME . DIES, . DEATH . REIGNS).
A BOOK OF

TEMPUS . FUGIT.

(TIME . HASTES).

TEMPUS . VITÆ . MONITOR.

(TIME . IS . LIFE'S . REMEMBRANCER).

TENERE . NON . POTES . NEC . PERDERE.

(YOU . CANNOT . KEEP . IT, . NOR . LOSE . IT).

UMBRA . DEI.

( THE . WORKMANSHIP . OF . THE . GREAT . ARCHITECT).

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

UT. UMBRA. SIC. VITA.

(Shade is Life's pattern).

VENIO. UT. SUR.

(I steal upon you).

VIGILATE. &. ORATE, . TEMPUS . FUGIT.

(Watch and pray, Time hastens away).

VIA. VITÆ.

(Life's road).
A BOOK OF

VITA. NOSTRA. EST. INSTAR. COMŒDIÆ.

(LIFE. OFTEN. CHANGES. SCENES).

VERITAS. TEMPORIS. FILIA.

(TIME. THE. FATHER. OF. TRUTH).

*WELCOME. CHAPMAN.

*ON A DIAL IN A MARKET PLACE.
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

Let others tell of storms and showers,
I'll only count your sunny hours.

(The motto chosen by Queen Alexandra for the sundial at Sandringham).
A BOOK OF

UNITED . IN . TIME, . PARTED . IN . TIME,
TO . BE . REUNITED, . WHEN . TIME . SHALL . BE
NO . MORE.

(IN THE KING'S GARDEN, HOLYROOD, ON THE DIAL PRESENTED
BY CHARLES I. TO QUEEN HENRIETTA MARIA).

AS . TIME . AND . HOURES . PASSETH
AWAYE.
SO . DOETH . THE . LIFE . OF . MAN . DECAYE,
AS . TIME . CAN . BE . REDEEMED . WITH . NO
COST,
BESTOW . IT . WELL . AND . LET . NO . HOURE
BE . LOST.

(ON A RING DIAL).

TRANSEUNT . DIES . TUI.
(THY . DAYS . ARE . PASSING).

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

To no one is given right of delay,
noted in heaven passeth each day;
be thou not fruitless, work while ye may,
trifling were bootless, watch thou and pray.


These shades so fleet
from day to day.
and so this life passeth avvaeie.


Vt. hora praeterita. Sic fugit vita.
(as the hour that is past, so life flies).

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A BOOK OF

As. shadowe. so. man. speedeth.


Time. tide
Doth. waist
Therefore
Make. haste
We. shall.—


Ut. hora. fugit. vita.

(as. an. 'hour. life. flies).

You. may. waste. but. cannot. stop
me.

(on an old church at tunbridge wells).

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

As the sune runs so death comes.

As time and hours passeth away so douth the life of man decay.

Transseunt et imputantur.

(They pass and are reckoned).

Bright sol and luna time and tide doth hold.
A BOOK OF

Bon. Jour—Bon. Soir.

Memento. Mori.

A.D. MDCCXXXII.

The. Hour. Now. Shown. Perhaps may. Be. Thy. Last,

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

THIS FOURFOLD INDEX OF SWIFT TIME
ON WHICH YE SHADOW VEERETH ROUND,
SHOULD MAN EXCITE TO THEMES SUBLIME.
SINCE NOUT BUT SHADOWS HERE ARE FOUND.

BEHOLD NOW IS THE ACCEPTED TIME.—(2 Cor. vi. 2).
SEEK YE THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND.—(Isa. lv. 6).

VIRTUE JOIN PRECIOUS TIME.

TUS ETERNITY APPROACHETH.

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A BOOK OF CERTA . RATIO.
(A . SURE . RECKONING).

ASPICE . IN . HORAM, . ET . MEMENTO . MORI.
(LOOK . ON . THE . HOUR . AND . REMEMBER . DEATH).

TRIFLE . NOT, . YOUR . TIME’S . SHORT.

TIME . CAN . DO . MUCH.
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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

ÆTAS. RAPIET. DIEM.
(TIME. WILL. HURRY. THE. DAY. AWAY).

VER. NON. SEMPER. VIRT.
(SPRING. IS. NOT. ALWAYS. GREEN).

TIME. IS. MORE. SACRED. THAN. GOLD.

ÆTAS. CITO. PEDE. PRAETERIT.
(AGE. PASSES. WITH. SWIFT. FOOT).
A BOOK OF

Thus. the. glory. of. the. world
passes. away.

Time. as. the. dial. to. the. sun.
although. it. be. not. shone. upon.

Dum, loquimur. fugerit. invidia. ætas,
carpe. diem. quam. ininime. credula
postero.

(while. speaking. so. envious. time. has. flown,
seize. to-day,. little. trust. the. morrow).

Sub. sole. vanitas.

under. the. sun. vanity).
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.


(The. Hour. Passes,. Friendship,. Stays).


(This. Is. Thy. Fortunate. Hour).


(Monastery Near Florence).

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A BOOK OF

Silens. Loquor.

(though silent, I speak).


(unto the upright, there ariseth light in the darkness).


(without sun, I keep silence).


SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

To-morrow's hours may be less fortunate.

U: Filii, lucis, incedite.
(Walk, as, children, of, light).

Sine, umbra, nihil.
(Without, shadow, nothing).

I seek, my, light, from, God.
A BOOK OF

Oh. Early. Passenger, Look. Up, Be Wise,

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Time's. A. Hand's. Breadth'; 'Tis. A Tale;
'Tis. A. Vessel. Under. Sail;
'Tis. An. Eagle. In. Its. Way,
'Tis. An. Arrow. In. Its. Flight,

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Sol. Deus. Visibilis

(The. Sun. Is. Thy. Visible. God,
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

IN . LUCE . TUA . FRUAMUR . LUCE.

(IN . THY . LIGHT . SHALL . WE . SEE . LIGHT).

I'LL . LIVE . TO-MORROW, . YOU . DELAYING CRY,
IN . WHAT . FAR . COUNTRY . DOES . TO-MORROW LIE?

THE . LEARNED . LINE . SHOWETH . THE CITY'S . HOUR.

(ON A SUNDIAL IN MILAN).

LUX . HUJUS . SOLIS . VOBIS . INDICABIT HORUM.

(This . sun's . light . will . show . the . hour).
A BOOK OF

OLD. FATHER. TIME. STANDS. STILL. FOR NONE;
THIS. MOMENT. HERE. THE. NEXT. HE'S GONE;
AND. THOUGH. YOU. SPEAK. HIM. NE'ER SO. KIND,
HE. NEVER. LAGS. ONE. STEP. BEHIND;
IF. THEN. WITH. TIME. YOU'D. FORWARD BE,
YOU. E'EN. MUST. RUN. AS. FAST. AS. HE.


THE. DAY. IS. THINE.


UNAM. TIME.

(FEAR. ONE. HOUR).

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

UNA. HARUM. VITÆ. HORARUM ERIT ULTIMA.

(without. Sun, without. Use).

TIME. WASTED. IS. EXISTENCE, USED IS. LIFE.

THAT. SOLAR. SHADOW, AS IT MEASURES LIFE, IT. LIFE. RESEMBLES. TOO.

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A BOOK OF

AS A SHADOW SUCH IS LIFE.

ULTIMA DECIDET.

(THE LAST DECIDES).

(AT VENTIMIGLIA).

A SPAN IS ALL THAT WE CAN BOAST,
AN INCH OR SO OF TIME:
MAN IS BUT VANITY AND DUST
IN ALL HIS FLOWER AND PRIME.
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

Be. Thankful, Watch, Pray, Work.

Aspice me.
(Look upon me).

As the shade is, so is life.

A lumine motus.
(Moved by light).

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A BOOK OF

SHADOW AND SUN—SO TOO OUR LIVES ARE MADE—
YET THINK HOW GREAT THE SUN, HOW SMALL THE SHADE.

MEN DO BLAME TIME, WHILE IT THEY SPEND
UNTIL NO PURPOSE, OR TO A BAD END.

THERE IS A SEASON FOR EVERYTHING.

SOL TEMPORA DIVEDIT ÆVI.
(THE SUN DIVIDES THE SEASONS OF TIME).
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

ASPICE ET ABI.

(GAZE AND PASS ON).

TIME'S GLASS AND SCYTHE
THY LIFE AND DEATH DECLARE.
SPEND WELL THY TIME
AND FOR THY DEATH PREPARE.

THE GAY WHO WOULD BE COUNTED WISE,
THINK ALL DELIGHT IN PASTIME LIES.—
NOR HEED THEY WHAT THE WISE CONDEMN,
WHilst THEY PASS TIME, TIME PASSES THEM.
A BOOK OF

SENZA. PALAR. DA. TUTTI. SON. INTESO.
SENZA. PALESO. FAR. RUMOR. L’ORA.

(WITHOUT. SPEAKING. I. AM. UNDERSTOOD. BY. ALL.
WITHOUT. A. NOISE. I. REVEAL. THE. HOUR).


IT IS: LATER. THAN. YOU. THINK.


READ. ON. THIS. DIAL. HOW. THE
SHADOWS. DEVOUR
MY. SHORT-LIVED. WINTER’S. DAY. . HOUR
EATS. UP. HOUR
ALAS! . THE. TOTAL’S. BUT. FROM. EIGHT
TO. FOUR.

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

Vos estis lux mundi,
(ye are the light of the world).

Make the passing shadow serve thy will.

Thou by the dial's shady stealth mayst know
Time's thievish progress to eternity.

(Shakespeare's sonnet lxxvii.)
A BOOK OF

SENZA . L’UMBRA . NON . DILETTO,
E . PUR . L’UMBRA . E : MIO . DIFETTO.

(WITHOUT . A . SHADOW . I . PLEASE . NOT,
AND . YET . A . SHADOW . IS . MY . DEFECT).


IN . HIS . OWN . IMAGE . THE . CREATOR
MADE,
HIS . OWN . PURE . SUNBEAM . QUICKENED
THEE—O . MAN!
THOU . BREATHING . DIAL! . SINCE . THY
NAME . BEGAN
THE . PRESENT . HOUR . WAS . EVER . MARKED
BY . SHADE.

I . NOTE . THE . TIME . THAT . YOU . WASTE.

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

When thou dost look upon my face,
To learn the time of day,
Think how my shadow keeps its pace,
as thy life flies away.
Take, mortal, this advice from me
And so resolve to spend thy life on earth, that heaven shall be thy home, when time shall end.

(in county Kerry, Ireland).

Now is yesterday's to-morrow.

Whilst Phœbus on me shines,
Then view my shade and lines.

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LIFE'S, BUT A SHADOW
MAN'S, BUT DUST;
THIS, DIALL, SAYS
DY, ALL, WE, MUST.

Io, VADE, E, VENGO, Ogni, GIORNO
MA, TU, ANDRAI, SENZA, RITORNO.

(I, GO, AND, COME, EVERY, DAY,
BUT, THOU, SHALT, GO, WITHOUT, RETURNING).

(IN A RIVIERA GARDEN).

IN, COELO, QUIES.

(IN, HEAVEN, IS, REST).

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

Qui . laborat . orat.
(who . works . prays).

(in Layland churchyard, Lancashire).

Transit . umbra, . lux . permanet.
(shadow . passes . light . stays).

A . moment—mark . how . small . a space
the . dial . shows . upon . the . face;
yet . waste . but . one—and . you . see of . how . great . moment . it . can . be.

(at Oxford on a dial bearing the arms of the earl of Wharton, 1691—1702).
A BOOK OF

WHAT. THOU. SEEkest. IS. A. SHADOW.

PEREUNT. ET. IMPUTANTUR.

(they. PASS. AND. ARE. RECKONED).

I. STAND. ON. EARTH.

TEMPOra. LABUNTuR. QuÆ. NOBIS
PEREUNT. ET. IMPUTANTUR.

(time. GLides. by, WHICH. PERishes. FOR. us. AND. IS
RECKONED).

(AT ADLINGTON).

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

Mark. the. moments. trod. for good. or. ill.

(on Warwick Priory).

Se. il. sole: si. vede
nessun. mi. crede.

(if. the. sun. shines. not
none. will. believe. in. me).

Se. non. riluce. il. sole, . nessum
mia. guarda.

(if. no. sun. shines, . no. one. looks. at. me).

Redeem. ye. time.

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A BOOK OF

AFTER DARKNESS, THE LIGHT.

SICUT UMBRA.

(AS A SHADOW).

I'M GOING WHERE TIME FOLLOWS NOT—WHERE IS ETERNITY.

VIVERE DISCE.

COGITA MORI.

(LEARN HOW TO LIVE THINK HOW TO DIE).
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

Sic . vita . transit.

(so . passes . life).

Sic . fortuna . volutat.

(so . fortune . turneth).

We . may . not . stay.

The . silent . shadow . speaks.
Dost , thou . heed?
A BOOK OF

SOLAREM . SIGNAT . LINEA . PICTA . VIAM.

( THE . PAINTED . LINE . MARKS . THE . SUN'S . PATH ),

VVIVITE, . AIT, . FUGIO.

("LIVE . YE" . IT . SAYS: . "I . FLY").

SINCE . EVERY . ONE . HATH, . EVERY . ONE, .
ONE . SHADE,
AND . YOU, . BUT . ONE, . CAN . EVERY SHADOW . LEND.

(SHAKESPEARE'S SONNET LIII.)

TIME . IS . THE . MONITOR . OF . LIFE.
SUNDEIAL MOTTOES.

Si sol deficiet nemo ne aspiciet.

(if the sun fails, no one will look on me).

Eheu fugaces labuntur anni.

(so the fleeting years go by).

Vivens mortalis.

(that lives is mortal).

Allez vous.

(pass on).

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A BOOK OF

ITER. ENIM. JUSTORUM. SIMILE. EST. LUCI
SPLENDIDÆ. PERGENTI. LUCERE:
ADEO. UT. CORUM. QUISQUE. SIT
STABILIS. DIE.

Perfect. Day).

SHADOW. AND. SHINE. IS. LIFE.

(Tennyson's "Grandmother").

LIFE. IS. A. VAIN. SHADOW.

SHORT. THE. DAY. AND. GREAT. THE
WORK.

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**SUNDIAL MOTTOES.**

SEE THE LITTLE DAY-STAR MOVING
LIFE AND TIME ARE WORTH IMPROVING
SEIZE THE MOMENTS WHILE THEY STAY:
SEIZE AND USE THEM
LEST YOU LOSE THEM
AND LAMENT THE WASTED DAY.


AMENDE TO-DAY AND SLACK NOT,
DETHE COMETH AND WARNETH NOT,
TYME PASSETH AND SPEKETH NOT.


UT VITA FINIS ITA.

(AS LIFE IS SO IS ITS END).

(ON THE TOWER OF CHELSEA OLD CHURCH).

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A BOOK OF


Time. Was, is. Past; thou. Canst not. It. Recall:
Time. Is, thou. Hast; employ. The portion. Small:
Time. Future. Is. Not; and. May. Never be:

Watch. And. Pray.


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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

TIME. FLIES. LINES. RISE. AND SHADOWS. FALL.
LET. IT. PASS. BY.
LOVE. REIGNS. FOR. EVER. OVER. ALL.

I. WAKEN. WITH. THE. RISING. SUN,
AND. SLEEP. WHEN. HIS. LONG. COURSE. IS RUN.

A. CLOCK. THE. TIME. MAY. WRONGLY TELL;
I. NEVER. IF. THE. SUN. SHINES. WELL.

SHADOWS. ARE. WE. AND. LIKE SHADOWS. DEPART.
A BOOK OF

Omnia. Fert. Ætas.

(Time brings. All. Things).

Damnosa. Quid. Non. Imminuit. Dies?


—From Horace.

(On a sundial in a Venetian garden).


(The motto on the sundial belonging to G. F. Watts, R.A.,
At his residence, Limnerslease, Compton).

Live. To-day.

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

THY DIAL... WILL SHOW HOW THY PRECIOUS MINUTES WASTE.

(Shakespeare's sonnet lxxvii.)

V ADAM. ET. REVERTAR.

(I. SHALL. GO. AND. RETURN).

INDUCE. ANIMUM. SAPIENTEM.

(TAKE. TO. THYSELF. A. WISE. WORD).

SOL. REGIT. OMNIA.

(THE. SUN. RULES. ALL).
A BOOK OF

LEARN TO VALUE YOUR TIME.

NONE CAN CALL AGAIN THE PASSED TIME.

SHINING SPOT FOR EVER SHINING BRIGHTEST HOURS HAVE NO ABIDING. USE THY GOLDEN MOMENTS WELL. LIFE IS WASTING DEATH IS HASTING. DEATH CONSIGN TO HEAVEN OR HELL.

IVE MEMOR LETHI FUGIT HORA.

(LIVE REMEMBERING DEATH THE HOUR FLIES).

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.


Me . Thine . Enemy?)


(Comes . See, . Farewell).


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WHAT IS YOUR SUBSTANCE, WHEREOF ARE YOU MADE, THAT MILLIONS OF STRANGE SHADOWS ON YOU TEND?

(SHAKESPEARE'S SONNET LIII).

SIC LABITUR AETAS.

(THUS SLIPS LIFE AWAY).

SUB UMBRA QUIESCUNT.

(UNDER SHADOW THEY REST).

SUB LUCE GAUDENT.

(UNDER LIGHT THEY REJOICE).

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

Ut filii lucis incedite.

(walk as children of light).

Volat tempus.

(time turns).

Omnes vos filii lucis estis, ac filii diei: non sumus filii noctis, neque tenebrarum.

(ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day; we are not of the night, nor the darkness).

Justum et æquum.

(just and fair).
A BOOK OF

Retain your loyalty, preserve your rights.

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Dies ad diem euretat sermonem.

(Day unto day uttereth speech).

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Sapientis est numerare.

(It is the wise who number).

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Well arranged time is the surest sign of a well arranged mind.
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

ERIT NOMEN EJUS IN SECULUM, DURANTE SOLE.

(HIS NAME SHALL ENDURE FOR EVER, HIS NAME SHALL BE CONTINUED AS LONG AS THE SUN).

C'EST L'HEURE DE BOIRE.

(THIS IS THE HOUR FOR DRINKING).

(ON AN INN AT LILBOURNE).

AH WHAT IS HUMAN LIFE!
HOW LIKE THE DIAL'S TARDY MOVING SHADE:
DAY AFTER DAY GLIDES BY US UNPERCEIVED,
YET SOON MAN'S LIFE IS UP AND° WE ARE GONE.
A BOOK OF

DEUS. ADEST. LABORANTIBUS.

(GOD STANDS BY THE WORKER).

LOOSE. NO. TIME.

DIALL (loq.) STAIE, PASSINGER
TELL. ME. MY. NAME,
THY. NATVRE.

PASS. (resp.) THY. NAME. IS. DIE
ALL. I. AM. A. MORTALL
CREATVRE.

DIALL (loq.) SINCE. MY. NAME
AND. THY. NATVRE
SO. AGREE,
THINK. ON. THY. SELFE
WHEN. THOU. LOOKST
VPON. ME.

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

In viis tuis: resplendebit lux.
(The light shall shine upon thy ways).

Old time is still a-flying.
—Herrick.

Annon paulisper diebus meis cessabit?
(Are not my days few?)

Tempus acceptum.
(Now is the accepted time).
A BOOK OF
UTERE. NON. NUMERA.
(EMPLOY. THEM, . COUNT. THEM. NOT).

VIVI. BREV'ORE. . INDI . A . SERRAR . VAI GLI . OCCHI.
(LIVE . YOUR . BRIEF . HOUR . THEN. FOR , EVER . CLOSE YOUR . EYES).

ET : IPSE . MUTAT . TEMPORA . ET TEMPESTATES.

WAIT . NOT . FOR . TO-MORROW.
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

Omnibus . Lucet.

(the . light . shines . for . all).

Only . as . I . abide . in . the . light
of . heaven
Do . I . fulfil . the . will . of . my . maker.

The . shadow . of . the . eternal.

In . hora . nulla . mora.

(in . the . hour . is . no . delay).
A BOOK OF

IN GOD'S GOOD TIME.

OPPOSTO DI ME—
PENSI DI TE.

(THINK NOT OF ME—
THINK OF THYSELF).

DISCE DIES NUMERARE TUOS.

(LEARN TO NUMBER THY DAYS).

WITH MY SHADOW MOVES THE WORLD.
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

YESTERDAY'S. GONE, TO-DAY. IS. HERE, TO-MORROW. NEVER. MAY. APPEAR.

OUR. LIFE'S. A. FLYING. SHADOW. GOD'S THE. POLE,
DEATH. THE. HORIZON. WHERE. OUR SUN. IS. SET;
THE. INDEX. POINTING. AT. HIM. IS. OUR SOUL,
AND. WILL: THROUGH. CHRIST. A RESURRECTION. GET.

(MILTON CHURCH, BERKS.)

HEY. (THE. HOURS). PERISH. AND. ARE NOT. THOUGHT. OF.
A BOOK OF


(nothing. exists. without. us).


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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

Noiseless falls the foot of time which only treads on flowers.

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Non. Redibo.
(I shall not return).

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Be. Watchful thou, time posts away amain,

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Non. Tardum. Opperior.
A BOOK OF

NOS. EXIGUUM. TEMPUS. HABEMUS. SED MULTUM. PERDIMUS.

(A LITTLE TIME HAVE WE, BUT WASTE MUCH).

Now or when?

(BEVERLEY MINSTER).

Lux. TUA. VITA. MEA.

(THY LIGHT MY LIFE).

Nothing is true but the light.

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

M 

ANE 

EO . NEMINI. 

(i. WAI 

T . FOR . NO 

NE).

W

HEN . THOU . DOST . GAZE . UPON . MY 

FACE 

THINK . THEN . OF . TIME, . HOW . SWIFT 

HIS . PACE, 

AND . THAT . WITH . EVERY . MOMENT . FLOWN 

THY . OPPORTUNITY . IS . GONE.

M

EMOR . ESTO . BREVIS . AEVI. 

(REMEMBER . HOW . BRIEF . IS . LIFE).

M

ISSPEND . NO . TIME.

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A BOOK OF

THE SHADOW FLIES AND IT IS SEEN NO MORE.

MY HOURES ARE MADE OF SUN AND SHADE
TAKE HEDE OF WHAT YOUR HOURES BE MADE.

LIFE AS THIS SHADE DOOTH FLY AND FADE.

LIFE IS SHORT, TIME IS SWIFT, MUCH IS TO BE DONE.

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

Lucem . demonstrat . umbra.

(light . shows . shadow).

Lux . diei , lex . dei.

(the . light . of . day , the . law . of . god).

The . careless . look . and . do . not heed,
the . wise . take . note . as . me . they read:

Tempus . fugit.

Lux . et . umbra . vicissim . sed . semper amor.

(light . and . shadow . by . turns . but . always . love).
A BOOK OF

So. glides. the. hours, so. wears
the. day,
these. moments. measure. life. away.
with. all. its. trains. of. hope. and
fear;
till. shifting. scenes. of. shade. and
light
rise. to. the. eternal. day, or. sink
in. endless. night.

—Dr. Watts.

As. tyme. doth. haste
so. life. doth. waste.

Our. days. decline. like. a. shadow.

Our. time's. at. hand.

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

I. SHINE. NOT. FOR. ONE. BUT. FOR. ALL.

MUNDI. OCULUS.

(THE. EYE. OF. THE. WORLD).

OMNIA. SUNT. HOMINUM. PENDENTIA FILO.

(ALL. THE. THINGS. OF. MAN. HANG. UPON. A. THREAD).

THE. SHADOWES. FLOWN'. RETURN. NO MORE.
A BOOK OF

EST. HORA.

(it is the hour).

ORA. NE. TE. ULTIME. FALLAT.

(pray lest the last hour come unawares).

ORBIS. ET. UMBRA.

(a circle and a shadow).

ORIENS. SOL. ADORNATUR.

(the rising sun is adorned).
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.


Observe. How. Fast. Time. Hurries past,
Then. Use. Each. Hour, While. In your. Power

Of. Shade. And. Sunshine. For. Each Hour
See. Here. A. Measure. Made:

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A BOOK OF

AUT. DISCE, AUT. DISCED.
(EITHER. LEARN. OR. GO).

THE. SUN. ON. ME. DOOTH. SHADOW THROW,
WHAT. SHALL. THIS. DAY. THY. MORROW SHOW?

AFFLICTIS. LENTAE.
(TIME. IS. SLOW. TO. THE. SORROWFUL).

LE. TEMPS. PASSE, L'AMITIE. RESTE.
(TIME. PASSES, FRIENDSHIP. STAYS).

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

GOD GIVETH ALL.

GIVE GOD THY HEART, THY HOPES, THY SERVICE, AND THY GOLD. THE DAY WEARS ON, AND TIME IS WAXING OLD.

OPPORTUNITY HAS LOCKS IN FRONT AND IS BALD BEHIND.

DIES SERENUS. SERENUS SIT ANIMUS.

(THY DAYS BE BRIGHT. BRIGHT BE THY SPIRIT).

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A BOOK OF

Deus. est. Lumen. Luminis.

(god. is. the. light. of. light).

I. Wish. the. sun. would. shine. on
all. men's. fruits. and. flowers
as. well. as. mine.

(in the garden of belcarres, fife).

I. give. men. warning. how. the
hours. fly,
for. men. are. shadows. and. a
shadow. i.
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

My hours are summed in shine and shade; of joy and sadness man’s are made.

How long is time? Ask thou of me; how fleet is time? I ask of thee.

Hora, dies, et vita fuguint; manet unica virtus.
(The hour, day, and life all fly, only virtue remains).
A BOOK OF

SOMNO. SUGERE.

(AWAKE. FROM. SLEEP).

THIS. IS. YOUR. HOUR. ACCEPT. IT.

HE. THAT. WOULD. THRIVE. MUST. RISE. AT. FIVE.
HE. THAT. HATH. THRIVEN. MUST. STAY TILL. SEVEN,
HE. THAT. WILL. NEVER. THRIVE. MAY. LIE TILL. ELEVEN.

I. HAVE. NO. VOICE. AND. YET. I. SPEAK,
TAKE. HEED. WHEN. YOU. THE. TIME. DO SEEK.
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

J'AVANCE.

(I. PASS. ALONG).

IRREVOCABILE.

(NEVER. TO. BE. RECALLED).

IMPROVE. THE. PRESENT. HOUR, . FOR ALL. BESIDE
IS. A. MERE. FEATHER. ON. A. TORRENT'S TIDE.

ICH. DIEN.

(I. SERVE).

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COUNT. THE. HOURS. AS. ONE. BY. ONE
THEY. FLY.

Nor. DO. I. BEG. THIS. SLENDER NICHE,
TO. WHILE
MY. TIME. AWAY,. OR. SAFELY. TO. BEGUILE
MY. THOUGHTS. WITH. JOY,—THERE'S
NOTHING. WORTH. A. SMILE.

Abiit. DIES,. QUIA. INCLINARUNT. UMBRÆ
VESPERTINÆ.

(The. DAY. GOETH. AWAY,. AND. THE. SHADOWS. OF. THE
EVENING. ARE. STRETCHED. OUT).

Sol. SOLUS. SOLVIT.

(The. SUN. IS. THE. ONLY. SOLVER).

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SUNDBIAL MOTTOES.


Noneo, Dum. Moveo.
(I. Warn. As. I. Move).


Ne. Quid. Perbeat.
(Let. Nothing. Be. Lost).

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Nihil volentibus arduum.
(to the willing nothing is difficult).

Splendetis ut faces in mundo.
(ye shine as lights in the world).

Vedi l'ora mia, e l'ora tua non sai?
(thou seest my hour, beholdest thou thine?)

Tempus non fore amplius.
(that there should be time no longer).

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.


(light is sown for the righteous).


(thou seekest the hour, while thou seekest, the hour flies).


(he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him).
A BOOK OF

I. MARK. NOT. THE. HOURS. UNLESS THEY BE BRIGHT,
I. MARK. NOT. THE. HOURS. OF. DARKNESS AND NIGHT.
MY PROMISE IS SOLELY TO FOLLOW THE SUN
AND. POINT. OUT. THE. COURSE. HIS CHARIOT. DOOTH. RUN.

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"Sic. transit," sayest thou? Well, then, let it pass!
Would'st be a glutton at the feast of life,
And eat and eat, ever fill thy glass?
Well-fed, content lays down his fork and knife.

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

Do. To-day's. Work. To-day.

played. In. A. Box. Whose. Candle. Is the. Sun,
round. Which. We. Phantom. Figures come. And. Go.

—Omar Khayyam.

Life's. But. A. Short. Day,

Time. Fleeteth. Away
without. Delay.
A BOOK OF

TIME'S. A. TORRENT'S. RAPID. STREAM; TIME'S. A. SHADOW, A. TIME'S. A. DREAM; TIME'S. THE. CLOSING. WATCH. OF. NIGHT, DYING. AT. THE. RISING. LIGHT. TIME'S. A. BUBBLE. ON. TIME'S. SEA, USE. TIME. WELL. WHILE. TIME'S. WITH THEE.

THINK. AND. THANK.

ONCE. AT. A. POTENT. LEADER'S. VOICE I. STAYED; ONCE. I. WENT. BACK. WHEN. A. GOOD MONARCH. PRAYED; MORTALS. HOWE'ER. WE. GRIEVE, HOWE'ER. DEPLORE, THE. FLYING. SHADOW. WILL. RETURN. NO MORE.
THE TIME TO COME IS NO MORE OURS THAN THE PAST.

Life is a passing shadow... The shadow of a bird in his flight.

—From the Talmud.

The time thou killest will in time kill thee.

Let pleasure be granted to youth; but since human life is soon run, and has. But—to speak sober truth—two moments,—let wisdom have one.
A BOOK OF

HOURS. FLY,
FLOWERS. DIE,
NEW. DAYS,
NEW. WAYS,
PASS. BY;
LOVE. STAYS.

Traditur. Dies. Die
ward. But. To. Fade).

—from Horace.
(On a sundial in a Grecian garden).


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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

Dicimus. Integro
Sicci. Mane. Die, Dicimus. Uvidi,

(So. Pray. We. Sober. In. The. Morning, When. The
Day. Is. Before. Us; So. Pray. We... When. The. Sun

—From Horace.

(On a sundial in a grecian garden).


Passant. Que. Tout. Passe. Comme
Je. Passe.

Pass).

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A BOOK OF

Such, a man extends his life's short space, and from the goal again renews the race:
for he lives twice. who can at once employ the present well, and e'en the past enjoy.

—From Martial.

TIME. IS

too. slow: for those who wait,
too. swift: for those who fear,
too. long: for those who grieve,
too. short: for those who rejoice;
but. for those who love

TIME. IS
ETERNITY.
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

To-day is yesterday's pupil.

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A day to come shows longer than a year. That's gone.

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In space comes grace.

***

Some come,—some go,—this life is so.
A BOOK OF

Our teachers are the hours which open or close the gate of heaven.

Ut migraturus habitæ.
(Dwell as if about to depart).

Si sans soleil vous viendrez, sans réponse vous en retournerez.
(IF without sun you come, without a reply will you go).

Vigilantibus
(to the watchful).

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

AGE. QUOD. AGIS.
(Do. what. you. are. doing).

DISPONENDO. ME, NON. MUTANDO. ME.
(by. disposing. of. me. not. by. changing. me).

FUGIT. IRREPARABILE. TEMPS.
(irrecoverable. time. is. flying. away).

DEO. FAVENTE.
(with. god's. favour).
A BOOK OF

A. LA. BONNE. HEURE.
(well-timed).

(it. is. right. to. derive. instruction. even. from. an
enemy).

So. Teach. Us. To. Number. Our. Days
that. we. may. apply. our
hearts. unto. wisdom.

Lead. kindly. light.

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

Unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise.

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The whirligig of time brings in his revenges.

—Shakespeare.

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To them that mourn the hours are slow, but with the joyful swiftly go.

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As we use the hours so will the hours use us.
A BOOK OF

T
HE . MOVING . FINGER . WRITES: . AND
HAVING . WRIT
MOVES . ON: . NOR . ALL . THY . PIETY . NOR
WIT
SHALL . LURE . IT . BACK . TO . CANCEL
HALF . A . LINE,
NOR . ALL . THY . TEARS . WASH . OUT . A
WORD . OF . IT.

—Omar Khayyam.

Dies . mei . similes . sunt . umbrae
inclinatae.

(my . days . are . like . a . shadow . that . declineth).

Utere . non . redit . hora.

(employ . the . hour . it . returneth . not).
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

Remove not the ancient landmark which thy father hath set up.

Quia tempus quidem est, cuique voluntati.

(There is a time for every purpose and for every work).

When sloth puts urgent business by,
"To-morrow’s a new day," she’ll cry;
and all her morrows prove it true
they’re never used, and therefore new.

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A BOOK OF

Set. me. right. and. use. me. well
and. I. the. time. to. you. will. tell.

(on a pocket dial).

Soon. shall. the. shining. circle
cease. to. run;
soon. shall. to-morrow. turn. to
yesterday.
that. knife. of. shadow. cutting. in
the. sun
cuts. patiently. thy. light. of. life
away.

Una. dabit. quod. altera. negat.

(one. hour. will. give. what. the. next. denies).

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.


(The Lord shall be thine everlasting light).

Use. the. present. time redeem. the. past
for. thus. uncertainty though. imperceptibly
the. night. of. life approaches.

(in Aldingham Churchyard, Lancashire).

Stay. and. think.

(Shakespeare's Sonnet LVII.)

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A BOOK OF

VOLANO. L'ORE, I GIORNI, GL'ANNI E I MESI.

—Petrarch.

(HOURS, DAYS, MONTHS, YEARS, ALL FLY)

COME IN TIME.

(ON A CHURCH AT BRADFORD ST. GEORGE, SUFFOLK).

USE WELL THE PRESENT MOMENTS AS THEY FLEET,
YOUR LIFE HOWEVER SHORT WILL BE COMPLETE.
IF AT ITS FATAL ENDING YOU CAN SAY:
I'VE LIVED AND MADE THE MOST OF EVERY DAY.

(IN WATERFALL CHURCHYARD, STAFFORDSHIRE).

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

SURGE, . LUCE, . QUANDOQUIDEM . ADVENIT LUX . TUA.

(ARISE, . SHINE; . FOR . THY . LIGHT . IS . COME).

TIME . IS . THE . CHRYSALIS . OF . ETERNITY.


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A BOOK OF

UNA. UMBRA. ET. VAPOR. HOMINUM. VITA.

(A. SHADOW. AND. SMOKE. IS. MAN'S. LIFE).

(IN HELSTON CHURCHYARD, CORNWALL).

UMBRA! . QUID . ASPICIS? . UMBRAM.

(SHADOW! . WHAT. SEEST. THOU? . SHADOW).

UT . QUI . EXEMPLARI . ET . UMBRAE,
DESERVIENT . REUM . CALESTIUM.

(THE. EXAMPLE. AND. SHADOW. OF. HEAVENLY. THINGS).

VOICI . VOTRE . HEURE.

(HERE. IS. YOUR. HOUR).

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

ULTIMA . LATET . ET . OBSERVANTUR OMNES.

(THE LAST HOUR IS HIDDEN AND ALL WATCHED).

LEX . ENIM . UMBRAM . OBTINENS FUTURORUM . BONORUM.

(A SHADOW OF GOOD THINGS TO COME).

TOMEN . HIS . AEVUM . COMPONITUR UMBRIS.

(TIME IS MADE UP OF SHADOWS).

APUD . QUEM . NON . INEST . TRANSMUTATIO AUT . CONVERSIONIS . OBUMBRATIO.

(WITH WHOM IS NO VARIABLENESS NEITHER SHADOW OF TURNING).

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A BOOK OF

Being your slave, what should I do but tend
upon the hours and times of your desire?

—Shakespeare.

VESTIGIA NULLA RETRORSUM.

(there are no steps backward).

CURRICULUM MEUM PERFICIAM DONEC ADVENERINT DOMINUS.

(I will run my course until the lord shall come).

VIA CRUCIS VIA LUCIS.

(the way of the cross is the way of light).
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

With warning hand I mark time's rapid flight
From life's glad morning to its solemn night;
Yet, through the dear, God's love, I also show
There's a light above me by the shade below.

(Written by John Greenleaf Whittier, for a sundial).

Dum exspectamus lucem, ecce tenebræ.

(We wait for light, but behold obscurity).

Ambulemus in luce Jehovæ.

(Let us walk in the light of the Lord).

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A BOOK OF

LABUNTUR . ANNI . NEC . PIETAS . MORAM RUGIS . ET...
AFFERET.


—From Horace.


TU . NUMERI . L’ORE . MA . NON . SAI L’ORA . DELLA . MORTE.


VELUT . UMBRA . SUNT . DIES . NOSTRI SUPER . TERRAM.

(OUR . DAYS . ON . EARTH . ARE . A . SHADOW).
SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

Watch. Faster—Watch. Slower.


Come, Light! Visit. Me!

(In the garden of Harriet Martineau).


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A BOOK OF

LUMINARE. MAJUS. AD. PRÆFECTURAM DIEI.

(THE GREATER LIGHT TO RULE THE DAY).

U T. UMBRA. QUUM. DECLINAT.

(I AM GONE LIKE A SHADOW).

LITTLE: SUN. UPON. THE. CEILING EVER. MOVING, EVER. STEALING MOMENTS, MINUTES, HOURS. AWAY. MAY. NO. SHADE. FORBID. THY. SHINING WHILE. THE. HEAVENLY. SUN. DECLINING CALLS. US. TO. IMPROVE. THE. DAY.

(ON A CEILING DIAL AT THEOBALDS).

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SUNDIAL MOTTOES.

TAK . TINT . O' . TIME . ERE . TIME . TAK TINT . O' . THEE.

VIX . ORIMUR . ET . OCCIDIMUS.

(SCARCELY . ARisen . AND . WE . HAVE . SET).

TIS . ALWAYS . MORNING . SOMEWHERE . IN THE . WORLD.
IN PRAISE OF SUNDIALS.
IN PRAISE OF SUNDIALS.

WHAT an antique air had the now almost effaced sun-dials, with their moral inscriptions, seeming coevals with that Time which they measured, and to take their revelations of its flight immediately from Heaven, holding correspondence with the fountain of light! How would the dark line steal imperceptibly on, watched by the eye of childhood, eager to detect its movement, never caught, nice as an evanescent cloud, or the first arrests of sleep!...

Ah! yet doth beauty like a dial hand
Steal from his figure, and no pace perceived!

What a dead thing is a clock, with its ponderous embowelments of lead and brass, its pert or solemn dulness of communication, compared with the simple altar-like structure and silent heart-language of the old dial! It stood as the garden god of Christian gardens. Why is it almost everywhere vanished? If its business-use be superseded by more elaborate inventions, its moral uses, its beauty, might have pleaded for its continuance. It spoke of moderate labours, of pleasures not protracted after sunset.

CHARLES LAMB.—Essays of Elia.

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IN PRAISE OF SUNDIALS.

HOW well the skilful gardener drew,  
Of flowers and herbs, this dial new!  
Where, from above, the milder sun  
Does through a fragrant zodiac run:  
And, as it works, the industrious bee  
Computes its time as well as we.  
How could such sweet and wholesome hours  
Be reckon'd, but with herbs and flowers?  

ANDREW MARVELL.—The Garden.

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A DIAL is the Visible Map of Time, till Whose Invention  
'twas follie in the Sun to play with a Shadow. It is  
the Anatomie of the Day and a Scale of Miles for the  
Jornie of the Sun. It is the silent Voice of Time and without  
it the Day were dumbe... It is ye Book of ye Sun on which  
he writes the Storie of the Day. Lastly, Heaven itself is but  
a generall Dial, and a Dial it, in a lesser volume.  

ROBERT HEGGE.—Heliotropum Sciothericum (1630).
IN PRAISE OF SUNDIALS.

METHINKS it were a happy life . . .
To carve out dials quaintly point by point,
Thereby to see the minutes how they run;—
How many make the hour full complete;
How many hours bring about the day;
How many days will finish up the year.
How many years a mortal man may live.
When this is known then to divide the times;— . . .
So minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, and years,
Pass'd over to the end they were created.

Shakespeare.—Henry VI. (3 part), Act ii., Scene 5.

THE sundial is a thing of deep sentiment. All feel the
beauty and wonder of the thought that Time, that
most intangible, most fleeting, most wonderful of
conditions, is marked so fittingly in its passing by a
shadow almost equally intangible; and the noblest evidences
of creations—the stars in the heavens—would be to us
invisible and unknown save for their revelation through the
shadow of the earth.

Mrs. Alice Morse Earle.—Sun-dials and Roses of Yesterday.
IN PRAISE OF SUNDIALS.

The hours when the mind is absorbed by beauty are the only hours when we really live, so that the longer we can stay among these things so much more is snatched from inevitable Time. Let the shadow advance upon the dial—I can watch it with equanimity while it is there to be watched. It is only when the shadow is not there, when the clouds of winter cover it, that the dial is terrible. The invisible shadow goes on and steals from us... These are the only hours that are not wasted—these hours that absorb the soul and fill it with beauty.

Richard Jefferies.—The Pageant of Summer.

THERE is always, to my thinking, a charm about a sundial... The sacred grey of the aged stone, mellowed by the many years of sun and rain, forms a fair ground for the patterns which our loved lichens have traced upon it, in dark and orange, gold and oxydised silver... The Dial seems a witness with a silent voice, amid the changes of this life, to the lastingness of things.

The Author of The Harvest of a Quiet Eye.—On Sundials.

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